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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 16, 2000

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.7 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 39% very short, 27% short, 34% adequate and 0% surplus. The main farm activities during the week were planting chile, cotton and corn. Planting of oats and potatoes were evident in the northwest part of the state. Land preparation for spring planting continued where actual planting had not begun. Some crop damage was reported due to rabbits and quail caused by the lack of vegetation in non-irrigated areas. Onions remained in mostly good to excellent condition. Chile was 84% planted and was in fair to excellent condition. Irrigated wheat was in fair to good condition, while the dryland crop was mostly poor to fair. Supplemental feeding of cattle continued. Cattle remained in fair to good condition, while sheep were rated poor to good. Pasture and range feed conditions were 16% very poor, 25% poor, 42% fair and 17% good.

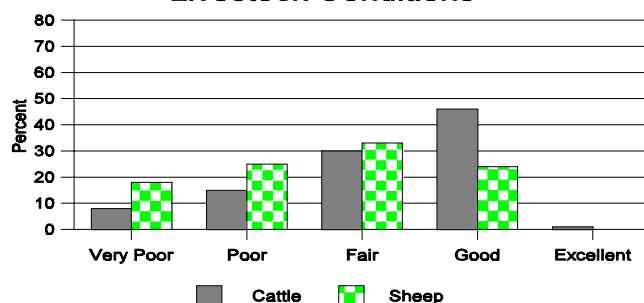
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
PLANTED	Chile	84	75	84	81
	Cotton	11	3	7	11

Crop Planting Progress



Livestock Conditions

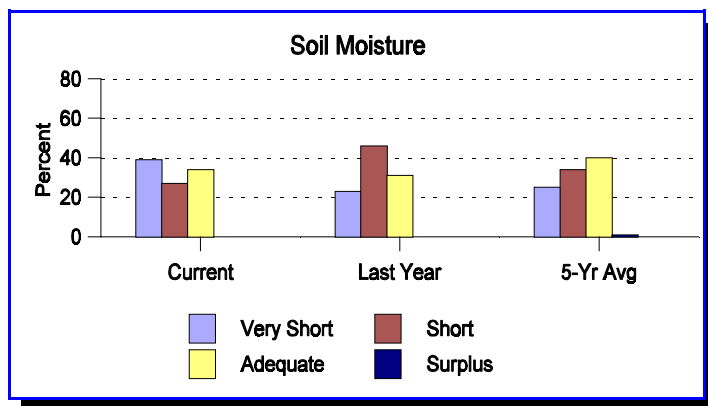


CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	11	41	35	10
Chile	--	2	26	52	20
Dry Wheat	13	27	45	15	--
Irrigated Wheat	1	3	25	70	1
Lettuce	--	--	20	20	60
Onions	--	--	22	46	32
Cattle	8	15	30	46	1
Sheep	18	25	33	24	--

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	24	21	55	---
Northeast	27	39	34	---
Southwest	63	23	14	---
Southeast	64	16	20	---
State	39	27	34	---
State-Last Year	23	46	31	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	25	34	40	1



WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures for the week averaged near normal across the eastern plains and in the far west, while readings in the northern mountains and in the central areas along the Rio Grande and into south central areas of the state were 3 to 6 degrees warmer than normal. Several periods of showers were noted across the northern mountains and northeast plains, while most other areas remained dry.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS APRIL 10-16, 2000

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	04/10 04/16	04/01 04/16	Normal Apr	01/01 04/16	Normal Jan-Apr
Carlsbad	65.3	94	43	0.00	0.00	0.49	0.31	1.49
Hobbs	63.2	90	42	0.00	0.00	0.73	1.65	2.23
Roswell	62.6	91	40	T	0.15	0.46	0.83	1.60
Clayton	52.5	82	26	0.03	0.03	0.94	1.97	2.04
Clovis	57.0	88	34	T	0.18	0.81	2.08	2.30
Roy	51.9	72	35	0.00	0.75	0.82	2.40	2.14
Tucumcari	59.0	86	30	0.19	0.40	0.87	2.16	2.00
Chama	46.0	66	26	0.07	0.32	1.27	6.25	6.61
Johnson Ranch	46.6	73	24	0.01	0.14	0.49	3.97	2.47
Capulin	45.8	75	23	0.27	0.44	1.01	3.23	2.86
Las Vegas	52.9	73	34	0.62	0.76	0.89	1.72	2.16
Los Alamos	47.9	67	30	0.20	0.53	1.00	2.16	3.88
Raton	47.6	74	25	0.41	0.43	1.06	3.31	2.90
Santa Fe	50.4	74	31	0.27	0.49	0.81	1.31	2.87
Red River	43.1	61	24	0.76	1.81	1.68	7.47	5.75
Farmington	53.1	76	33	0.06	0.07	0.51	2.99	2.48
Gallup	47.9	74	21	T	0.00	0.64	2.33	3.23
Grants	48.0	77	22	0.02	0.10	0.45	2.24	1.95
Silver City	55.8	77	35	0.00	0.00	0.53	0.53	3.90
Quemado	46.6	75	20	0.00	0.13	0.37	2.66	2.06
Albuquerque	57.8	78	40	T	0.00	0.52	1.87	1.96
Carrizozo	56.8	81	33	0.00	0.18	0.36	1.46	2.10
Gran Quivera	55.3	75	34	0.00	0.49	0.64	1.90	2.88
Moriarty	50.6	77	25	0.40	0.40	0.66	1.80	2.10
Ruidoso	47.8	73	26	0.38	0.65	0.63	1.10	4.24
Socorro	58.3	79	34	0.00	0.02	0.36	2.19	1.41
Alamogordo	62.4	84	37	0.01	0.01	0.26	0.63	1.93
Animas	65.1	84	42	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.46	1.86
Deming	61.9	85	36	0.00	0.00	0.18	0.79	1.54
T or C	62.2	83	43	0.00	0.01	0.22	1.51	1.40
Las Cruces	64.4	88	41	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.21	1.26

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

MILK PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during March totaled 456 million pounds, up 11 percent from production in March 1999. The average number of milk cows, at 240,000 head, was up 9,000 head from last March. Milk production per cow averaged 1,900 pounds per cow, compared to 1,730 pounds per cow in February and 1,770 pounds per cow one year earlier. New Mexico ranked 11th in number of cows, 3rd in milk per cow and 10th in milk production.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 20 major States during March totaled 12.7 billion pounds, up 3.8 percent from production in these same States in March 1999. Milk production in the 20 major States during March totaled 12.7 billion pounds, up 3.8 percent from production in these same States in March 1999.

Milk Cows and Production: February 2000^{1/} and March 1999-2000

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	3/99	2/00	3/00	3/99	2/00	3/00	3/99	2/00	3/00
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	132	137	137	2,135	1,935	2,125	282	265	291
CA	1,452	1,496	1,500	1,795	1,710	1,815	2,606	2,558	2,723
FL	159	157	157	1,540	1,410	1,560	245	221	245
ID	309	332	334	1,660	1,610	1,730	513	535	578
IL	125	120	120	1,480	1,480	1,580	185	178	190
IN	136	141	143	1,380	1,380	1,490	188	195	213
IA	218	215	215	1,540	1,500	1,610	336	323	346
KY	134	130	130	1,110	1,085	1,195	149	141	155
MI	296	295	291	1,565	1,500	1,625	463	443	473
MN	545	540	540	1,550	1,465	1,585	845	791	856
MO	161	157	156	1,310	1,220	1,350	211	192	211
NM	231	238	240	1,770	1,730	1,900	409	412	456
NY	700	700	700	1,480	1,370	1,520	1,036	959	1,064
OH	260	259	260	1,450	1,400	1,495	377	363	389
PA	614	617	618	1,565	1,475	1,620	961	910	1,001
TX	342	350	350	1,625	1,470	1,640	556	515	574
VT	162	160	160	1,440	1,405	1,520	233	225	243
VA	122	120	119	1,335	1,330	1,440	163	160	171
WA	249	246	246	1,885	1,790	1,940	469	440	477
WI	1,366	1,356	1,354	1,465	1,375	1,505	2,001	1,865	2,038
20 STS	7,713	7,766	7,770	1,585	1,505	1,634	12,228	11,691	12,694

^{1/}Revised. ^{2/}Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ^{3/}Excludes milk sucked by calves.

ONIONS

Non-storage acreage (excluding California) is 15,700 acres, up 6 percent from the comparable figure last year. **New Mexico** acreage, at 8,000 acres, leads the nation in planted area of summer non-storage onions.

Onions: Area Planted by Season, State, and United States, 1998-2000

Season and State	1998	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999
	-----Acres-----			-----Percent-----
Spring Onions	38,900	40,300	39,200	97
Summer Onions Non-Storage ^{1/}				
CA ^{2/}			6,500	
NV ^{3/}	2,100	2,800	3,000	107
NM	7,300	7,300	8,000	110
TX	4,200	3,800	3,900	103
WA	850	850	800	94
Total Non-Storage ^{4/}	14,450	14,750	22,200	106
Summer Storage	124,020	126,960	115,050	
Total Summer	138,470	141,710	137,250	97
US Total Onions	177,370	182,010	176,450	97

^{1/}Primarily fresh market. ^{2/}Added to vegetable program in 2000. ^{3/}1998 and 1999 estimates are published in the January 2000 annual. Seasonal estimates beginning in 2000. ^{4/}Percent calculated excluding California.

CATTLE ON FEED

NEW MEXICO: Cattle and calves on feed April 1 for the slaughter market in New Mexico totaled 93,000 head, 12,000 head less than a month earlier and 1,000 less than a year earlier. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during March totaled 13,000 head, 3,000 above February and the same as in March 1999. Marketings of fed cattle were 22,000 head in March, an increase of 7,000 head from marketings in February, but 2,000 less than in March 1999.

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.19 million head on April 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 2.02 million, 1 percent below 1999 but 18 percent above 1998. Net placements were 1.92 million. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 2.05 million, 3 percent above 1999 and 10 percent above 1998. Other disappearance totaled 101,000 during March, 42 percent above 1999 and 7 percent above 1998.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ^{1/}

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance ^{2/}		
	4/1/99	3/1/00	4/1/00	-----DURING-----								
				3/99	2/00	3/00	3/99	2/00	3/00	3/99	2/00	3/00
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	214	275	273	39	27	30	27	24	27	1	3	5
CA	385	405	405	55	50	59	50	52	51	5	8	8
CO	1,120	1,180	1,170	240	250	250	240	265	250	10	5	10
ID	280	305	320	58	70	69	49	57	47	4	8	7
IA	360	375	375	57	39	57	56	48	56	1	1	1
KS	2,080	2,320	2,280	440	420	400	380	430	420	10	10	20
NE	2,180	2,310	2,310	380	390	400	350	440	390	10	10	10
NM	94	105	93	13	10	13	24	15	22	2	3	3
OK	345	400	380	69	54	73	86	69	87	3	5	6
SD	182	200	200	45	37	34	46	36	32	1	1	2
TX	2,560	2,830	2,760	530	430	520	565	490	570	15	10	20
WA	179	210	221	46	50	53	42	45	38	6	6	4
Oth Sts	415	415	405	59	53	58	74	75	63	3	8	5
US	10,394	11,330	11,192	2,031	1,880	2,016	1,986	2,046	2,053	71	78	101

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.